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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: L. SHAPIRO

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
INHIBITING APOPTOSIS USING SERINE
PROTEASE INHIBITORS (AS AMENDED)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004 (Paper No. 21), for one month from March 10, 2004 to April 10, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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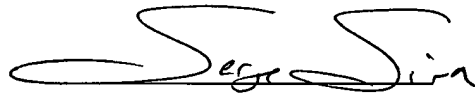
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AUTHORIZATION

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$55.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Serge Sira". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Serge" and last name "Sira" clearly distinguishable.

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